



NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Carryover Water Program
1997 to 1998FROM: 
Director, Department of Water Resources

The Department of Water Resources anticipates that the State's portion of San Luis Reservoir will be full sometime during the week of January 5, 1998 through January 11, 1998. A large portion of the stored water in San Luis is (1) long-term carryover water previously requested by some contractors under Article 56(c) of the Water Supply Contracts, and (2) undelivered 1997 entitlement water which may qualify for carryover under Article 12(e) of the contracts.

This is to notify contractors with stored carryover water that the reservoir space occupied by that water will soon be needed for 1998 State Water Project operations. Those contractors with stored carryover water should take delivery of that water to meet demands within their service areas or for programs outside their service areas which have been approved by the Department, or they will risk loss of their stored water. Upon the filling of the State's portion of San Luis Reservoir, carryover water will begin to be converted to SWP water at a daily rate equivalent to the Department's ability to theoretically store additional water.

In order to administer and document SWP operations, the Department requires that any contractor wishing to carryover 12(e) water into 1998 and that has not requested such carryover, provide a request to Donald R. Long, Chief of DWR's State Water Project Analysis Office by FAX (916) 653-9628 on or before January 9, 1998. When considering the carryover of 12(e) water, be reminded that a contractor cannot store undelivered 1997 entitlement water and also sell water to the 1998 Turnback Program.

The Department announced establishment of the 1998 Interruptible Water Program on December 30, 1997. Water is anticipated to be available under this Program, although in limited quantities, for the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact Donald Long at (916) 653-4313 or Tom Hanson at (916) 653-0190, FAX (916) 653-9628.